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SUBJECT: NPG - DUTCH COMMENTS ON DRAFT HIGH LEVEL GROUP REPORT
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1. THE DUTCH DELEGATION REP CALLED ON US ON MARCH 16 TO GIVE THE HAGUE'S PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO THE US DRAFT HIGH LEVEL GROUP REPORT ON TNF MODERNIZATION. DUTCH REP SAID THESE VIEWS WERE BEING PASSED TO WASHINGTON VIA THE DUTCH EMBASSY, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT THEY MAY NOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF THE WASHINGTON HLG DELEGATION.

2. PREFACING HIS REMARKS WITH THE COMMENT THAT THE HAGUE'S REACTION TO THE DRAFT REPORT WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE, THE DUTCH REP PROVIDED US THE FOLLOWING VIEWS:

. - THE REPORT SHOULD HEW MORE CLOSELY TO THE NMA FORMULATION ON SHORT TERM MEASURES, ESPECIALLY REGARDING ASPECTS OF SELECTIVE OPTIONS, I.E., THE HLG DRAFT IS
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NOT AS CLEAR AS THE NMA REPORT.

. - SECTION 6, WHICH REPORTS ON DISCUSSIONS IN THE HLG, SHOULD BE MORE SUBSTANTIAL AND MINISTERS SHOULD BE GIVEN A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE ALTERANTIVE THAT THE HLG IS PROPOSING.

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. - THEY FEEL THE REPORT LACKS CLEAR REFERENCE TO
THE TOTAL QUANTITATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEATER NUCLEAR
WEAPONS, IN WHICH CONTEXT THEY OBSERVE THAT IT SHOULD
NOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE TOTAL IN THE FUTURE COULD BE
LOWER THAN THE CURRENT NUMBER. BENNETT

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